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SUBJ: REVIEW OF PANAMA SC MEETING

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BEGIN SUMMARY. FURTHER USUN ANALYSIS OF IMPLICATIONS SC MEETING IN PANAMA SHOW WIDE VARIATION OF EMPHASIS AMONG LA STATEMENTS ON MAJOR ISSUES AT PANAMA, I. E., ECONOMIC SECURITY AND OAS. LA SUPPORT OF CONTINUED ISOLATION OF CUBA WAS MUTED. END SUMMARY.

VIEWS OF OAS

1. GUYANA, CUBA, ECUADOR, CHILE, ARGENTIAN, JAMAICA, PANAMA, TRINIDAD/ TOBAGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND CANADA MENTIONED OAS IN THEIR STATEMENTS.

2. CHILE, IN DISCUSSING RELATIONS WITH CUBA, REFERRED TO " SYSTEM OF REGIONAL SECURITY-- SYSTEM THAT HAS LOST PRESTIGE-- WHICH EXISTS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF OAS", AND WENT ON TO ARGUE THAT OAS WAS VIOLATING ARTICLES 53 AND 103 OF UN CHARTER.

3. PANAMA SAID RE OAS THAT TIME HAS COME " TO RE- EXAMINE THAT ORGANIZATIONS' S STRUCTURE TO ADJUST IT TO REAL NEEDS
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OF REGION SO THAT IT IS MADE CLEAR THAT HISTORY OF OAS IN RESPECT OF PACIFICATION IS NOT AS BRILLIANT AS SOME HAVE

TRIED TO CLAIM HERE." PANAMA WENT ON TO SAY THAT " RECENT CONFERENCE AT BOGOTA OF LA-- ECOSOC OF OAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT MANY LA ASPIRATIONS COULD BE FULFILLED IN LARGE MEASURE BY COMPLETE COMPLIANCE WITH RULES OF CHARTER OF THAT ORGANIZATION. NEVERTHELESS WHOLE WORLD KNOWS THAT WHEN FINAL RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED US ABSTAINED BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT EVEN CLAUSES WHICH MERELY REPEATED PROVISIONS OF CHARTER OF OAS, DESPITE FACT THAT INSTRUMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED AND RATIFIED BY US."

4. GUYANA OUTLINED REASONS FOR ITS EXCLUSION AS FULL MEMBER; TRINIDAD/ TOBAGO STATED THAT " REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (READ OAS) AVOID ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES;" AND JAMAICA MADE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ITS BROTHER CARIBBEAN NATIONS' STATEMENTS. ALL THREE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES MENTIONED DECLARATION OF PORT OF SPAIN AS SOLUTION THEIR PROBLEMS WITH OAS.

5. ON OTHER HAND, ECUADOR STATED THAT " PRINCIPLES OF UN CHARTER BY HAVING BEEN INCLUDED IN CHARTER OF OAS HAVE ESTABLISHED PRECIOUS INTER- AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE, ACCOMPANIED BY CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION NOT TO RESORT TO FORCE IN INTER-NATIONAL RELATIONS EXCEPT IN CASE OF SELF- DEFENSE OR COLLECTIVE ACTION. THAT IS VERY CORNERSTONE UPON WHICH CONCEPT OF SECURITY MUST BE BUILT."

6. ARGENTINA DESCRIBED CHARTER OF OAS AS ENSHRINING MANY PRINCIPLES OF PEACE AND COOPERATION WHICH ARE HONOR TO HIMISPHERE AND CONSTITUTE PARADIGM FOR OTHER AREAS WHERE CONFLICTS AND DISPUTES CONTINUE TO PREVAIL.

7. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC JOINED BROTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE FAITH THAT " BOTH IN REGIONAL SYSTEM AS WELL AS IN UN, THERE EXIST INSTRUMENTS WHICH, WHEN USED WITH GOOD WILL AND LEGALLY, CAN RECONCILE MOST DELICATE AND PROFOUND DIVERGENCIES."

8 CANADA IN OUTLINING STEPS TAKEN TO DEVELOP CLOSER LINKS WITH HEMISPHERIC NEIGHBORS POINTED OUT THAT CANADA HAD ESTABLISHED A PERMANENT OBSERVER AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL IN CONFIDENTIAL

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HEADQUARTERS OF OAS. CANADA WENT ON TO SAY THAT ITS OFFICE IN OAS GAVE CANADA A BETTER INSIGHT INTO WORKINGS OF THIS IMPORTANT REGIONAL SYSTEM, AND NEEDS AND HOPES OF ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN IT.

ECONOMIC SECURITY

9. AS OUTLINED BY FONMIN RAMPHAL OF GUYANA IN HIS SPEECH IN PANAMA (WHICH PROVED TO BE KEYNOTER), ONE OF PRINCIPLES

BY WHICH LA REGION HAS BEEN PLAYING A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ITS NEW THRUST FOR ECONOMIC SECURITY IS " NECESSITY FOR EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE WITH DOMINANT ECONOMIC POWERS AND, MORE ESPECIALLY, WITH DOMINANT ECONOMIC POWER WITHIN HEMISPHERE ITSELF, SO THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS MAY MORE CLOSELY REFLECT DECLARED OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY." IT CAN THEREFORE BE ASSUMED THAT SINCE PRACTICALLY ALL LA SPEAKERS MENTIONED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, THIS WILL BE MAJOR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT OASGA.

10. COLLATION OF SPEECHES OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AT PANAMA SHOWS THAT:

PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES (INCLUDING THE SEA) WAS AT LEAST MENTIONED BY PERU, GUYANA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, URUGUAY, PANAMA, HONDURAS;

MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS WAS THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY PERU, GUYANA, CUBA, CHILE, ARGENTINA;

ECONOMIC COERCION AGGRESSION AAS A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY WAS MENTIONED BY PERU, GUYANA, CHILE, JAMAICA AND PANAMA ;

DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS MENTIONED BY GUYANA, MEXICO, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, CHILE, PANAMA, AND EVEN CANADA.

CUBAN ISOLATION

11. WITH REGARD TO CUBAN ISOLATION, ALTHOUGH IT WAS DECRIED CONFIDENTIAL

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BY PERU, GUYANA, CHILE, TRINIDAD / TOBAGO, AND PANAMA, THE TWO CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES CITED THEIR CARIBBEAN GROUP' S UNILATERAL SOLUTION TO PROBLEM AS REFELCTED IN DECLARATION OF PORT OF SPAIN. CHILE HOWEVER STATED THAT OAS ACTION IN THIS REGARD WAS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH ARTICLES 53 AND 103 OF UN CHARTER.

12. ABOVE REVIEW, PLUS COMMENTS OF UN COMMUNITY REPORTED USUN 1096, PROVIDE BASIS FOR FOOTNOTING TENTATIVE GENERALIZATION ABOUT PANAMA MEETING CONTAINED REF B. WHILE CUBA HAS IMPROVED IMAGE, WE ARE UNABLE EVALUATE IMPACT OF THIS IMPROVEMENT ON PROSPECTS CUBANS WILL ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES AT OASGA. WE DO NOT PREDICT THAT HOPED- FOR BOREDOM WITH MULTINATIONAL COOPERATION ISSUE IS SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO PREVENT FULL MEASURE OF RHETORIC IN APRIL.

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